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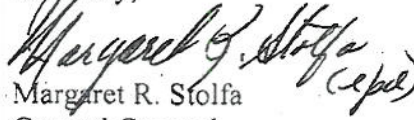
Re: MassDEP Extensions of Variances for CSO Discharges by MWRA and Cities of
Somerville and Cambridge to Alewife Brook/Upper Mystic River and for CSO discharges by
MWRA, City of Cambridge and Boston Water & Sewer Commission to Lower Charles
River/Charles Basin.

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

On August 30, 2007, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP" or the Department) issued extensions of variances from water quality standards for Combined Sewer Overflow ("CSO") discharges by the MWRA and the cities of Cambridge and Somerville into Alewife Brook/Upper Mystic River basin, and for CSO discharges from the MWRA, the City of Cambridge and the Boston Water & Sewer Commission into the Lower Charles River Basin. I certify that MassDEP issued these extensions of variances in accordance with the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c.21, § 27 and the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.03(4) and with their applicable procedures.

Should you have any questions in connection with this matter, please do not hesitate to contact David Ferris, Director of the Wastewater Permitting Program at 617 654-6514.


Sincerely,


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General Counsel

Cc: David Ferris, Program Director Watershed Permitting, MassDEP
Glenn Haas, Director, Division of Watershed Management, MassDEP

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